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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 26, 2007 the Examiner has required restriction between:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a method of treatment of portal hypertension, and
- II. Claims 14-16, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition.

Applicant hereby elects, the invention of Group I, claims 1-13 for further examination in the present application, with traverse.

The Examiner requires election of a species from the list in claim 8 and whether the method further comprises the administration of an additional species.

Applicant respectfully submits that the three species listed in claim 8 have the common property of inhibitory action against PDE 5 and, as such, are members of the genus cited in claim 1. Applicant provisionally elects Vardenafil for examination in this application with the understanding that the generic claim 1 shall be examined.

The invention of claim 1 does not require the administration of an additional species. However, some of the claims recite the administration of an additional species; see, e.g., claims 5-7 recite an exogenously added substance. It is not clear how election of a species from claim 13 is relevant.

Applicant is further required to elect a single enclosed disease or condition listed in claims 2 and 5. Applicant provisionally elects "bleeding complications of the portal hypertension".

Applicant understands that all claims currently are generic.

An early examination and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

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